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1. THE CHANCES FOR FY 77 PL 480 FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT.
 2. AS YOU KNOW, THE PL 480 PROGRAM WAS AMENDED BY CONGRESS TO RESTRICT COMMODITIES FOR COUNTRIES WITH PER CAPITA GNP OF OVER \$300 TO 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COMMODITIES AVAILABLE. THAT 25 PERCENT IS NOW FULLY COMMITTED. THE SITUATION HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED BY EXCELLENT
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HARVESTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES WITH UNDER \$300 PER CAPITA GNP WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A REDUCTION IN REQUESTS FOR THE 75 PERCENT OF COMMODITIES EARMARKED FOR THOSE COUNTRIES.

3. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN ARA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE WHICH HAVE REQUESTED PL 480 IN 1977 SINCE

THE BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS WERE COMPLETED. ALL ARE DESTINED
TO BE DISAPPOINTED. THE BEST ADVICE YOU COULD GIVE THE
DR IS TO REMAIN CURRENT IN THEIR PL 480 PAYMENTS AND
THEN SUBMIT REQUESTS IN THE NORMAL BUDGETING CYCLE AS

DESCRIBED IN AID CIRCULAR A-313 OF JUNE 3. CURRENT
LEGISLATION AND POLICY INDICATE THAT THE PROGRAM IS TO
BE USED PRINCIPALLY AS A DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TOOL
RATHER THAN IN RESPONSE TO SHORT TERM BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. YOUR MISSION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE
TO PRESENT ADEQUATE DEVELOPMENTAL JUSTIFICATION.
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